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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
David Sidransky) Group Art Unit: 1655
Serial No. 09/164,764) Examiner: J. Souaya
Filing Date: October 1, 1998) Docket No. 01107.76459

For: **DETECTION OF HYPERMUTABLE NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE IN TISSUE
AND BODY FLUIDS**

AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2001. Claims 23-32 and 34-37 are currently pending. Claims 24-28, 34, and 37 are rejected. Claims 23, 29-32, and 35-36 are indicated as allowable over the prior art. We believe no fees are due to make this amendment timely filed. If any fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 34 and please add new claims 38-45.